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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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WATER

IN THE MATTER OF MIDDLESEX WATER)
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN)
INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER)
SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES)

ORDER FURTHER SUSPENDING, INCREASES, CHARGES OR ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE

BPU DOCKET NO. WR07040275 OAL DOCKET NO. PUCRL 05663-2007N

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On April 18, 2007, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, and N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1 et seq., Middlesex Water Company (Middlesex or Company), a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (Board), filed a petition seeking to increase and revise its rates and charges for water service amounting to approximately \$8.9 million or 16.46%.

Middlesex services approximately 59,000 retail water customers in the Townships of Edison and Woodbridge, the Boroughs of South Plainfield, Metuchen and Carteret, and the City of South Amboy in Middlesex County, the Township of Clark in Union County, and the Township of Downe in Cumberland County. On a contract basis, Middlesex serves parts of the Townships of Edison, the Boroughs of Highland Park and Sayreville, the Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority, the Marlboro Township Municipal Utilities Authority and the City of Rahway. Middlesex also serves the Township of East Brunswick under special contract services.

The Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing. On May 24, 2007, the Board suspended these rates until October 1, 2007, pending a determination on the hearing on the justness and reasonableness of Petitioner's rates.

In light of the fact that this proceeding is pending before the Office of Administrative Law, the Board HEREBY ORDERS pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, that the proposed revisions in rates be and are hereby further suspended until February 1, 2008, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition.

DATED: 9/13/07

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

BY:

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SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public

IN THE MATTER OF MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHANGES

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